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All those in favor of the Johnson motion vote aye, opposed nay. Excuse me, I have been reminded the motion is the return of the bill to strike the motion. So you are voting on the return of the bill at the moment. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 20 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland would move to return.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: What I would like to do is yield my time on this particular amendment, Mr. President, which is printed in the Journal, to Senator Beutler, if I may.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the amendment is for the purpose of giving me an opportunity to say a last couple of things that I would like to say on the bill which I did not have the opportunity to say when the question was called, but it seems to me that there is one important consideration that pertains not only to this turf battle but to many other turf battles, and it seems like we have a half dozen of them every year now, that really hasn't been discussed and which perhaps is the thing that is troubling me most this year. As most of you know, as Senator Clark knows, I voted with the optometrists last time around. Was it two years ago, Bob, or three? But the thought that came to me this time as the bill came up was basically this. Now one of the nice things about having the optometrists is that certain services are being performed cheaper. That is a big argument. That is a strong argument. And then I thought, why are they performed cheaper? Well, they are performed cheaper because they don't have as much training, they don't put in as much time